



**Language Institute
Thammasat University**

EL396: English for Academic Purposes II

Course Outline

Semester 1/2020

Pre-requisite: EL 296

Course Description:

This course is designed to strengthen students' English listening, speaking and reading with an emphasis on writing skills for academic purposes. These skills include note-taking, data interpretation, academic writing and research abstract reading.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- demonstrate a basic vocabulary in the fields of science and technology
- develop a system for note-taking and use their notes to answer comprehension questions
- paraphrase and summarize the information from lectures and written texts
- interpret the data from graphs and charts
- identify the key components in a research report

Textbook/Teaching Materials:

1. *English for Academic Purposes II* by Virasuda Sribayak
2. Supplementary Materials

Active Learning Activities:

A variety of teaching and learning methods will be used. Students will have opportunities to participate in class discussion, pair work, and group work activities with the purpose of sharing their ideas and experience, as well as practicing their English skills with other students and the instructor. Learners are required to give brief oral presentations and do reading and writing tasks on topics of their interests. They are also encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning and to search for information from various sources.

Course Evaluation:

Parts	Points	Descriptions
<i>Attendance & Participation</i> (5%)	10 points	(See Attendance Policy.*)
<i>Assignments</i> (5%)	10 points	Research Abstracts
<i>Presentation</i> (10%)	20 points	Students are required to do a 10-minute presentation in groups. Mind maps and at least two types of graphs are required in the presentation. Criteria for the Evaluation of Oral Presentations: Accuracy (5 points) Fluency (5 points) Organization (3 points) Visual aids (5 points) Interaction with audience (2 points)
<i>Quizzes</i> (10%)	20 points	Note-taking and Transitional Devices Describing graphs
<i>Midterm Exam</i> (30%)	60 points	Vocabulary Transitional Signals Note-taking Describing graphs
<i>Final Exam</i> (40%)	80 points	Vocabulary Describing graphs Reducing Informality Paraphrasing Research Abstracts
<i>Total</i> (100%)	200 points	

*Attendance Policy:

1. Students are required to attend at least 80% of the total class hours. They cannot be absent more than 3 times before the midterm examination and 3 times before the final examination.
2. For each incidence of lateness 1 point will be deducted. For each unexcused absence 2 points will be deducted. Attendance scores can be reduced for lack of participation despite physical presence.

Plagiarism Policy:

Students of Thammasat University are required to refrain from any kind of plagiarism, i.e. an act of copying other people's work, such as language, thoughts, or expressions, without crediting the original author(s). Copying any sentences or paragraphs from any sources, e.g. websites, books, etc., and pasting them into students' assignments are thus considered cheating, which will result in a mark of zero for the assignment or even an F grade.

Instructors, Times and Venues:

Sec/Gr	Day	Time	Room	Instructor
540001	TH	13:30:-16:30	SC1067	Asst. Prof. Dr. Virasuda Sribayak
540002	TH	13:30-16:30	SC1068	Assoc. Prof. Nopporn Sarobol

Tentative Teaching Schedule:

Week	Date	Topic
1	13 Aug	Course Overview Unit 1
2	20 Aug	Unit 1
3	27 Aug	Unit 2
4	3 Sep	Unit 2
5	10 Sep	Unit 3 Quiz 1
6	17 Sep	Unit 3
7	24 Sep	Unit 4
8	Th 1 October (14:30-16:30)	MIDTERM EXAM (Midterm Exam Week: 27 September – 4 October 2020)
9	8 Oct	Unit 4
10	15 Oct	Unit 4
11	22 Oct	Unit 5
12	29 Oct	Unit 5
13	5 Nov	-QUIZ II -Unit 6
14	12 Nov	Unit 6
15	19 Nov	Oral Presentation
16	26 Nov	Review
	Sat 12 December (13:00-16:00)	FINAL EXAMINATION

Academic Calendar of Semester 1/2020

Events	Dates
Add/ Drop period	17-21 August 2020
Withdrawal period ('W' assigned to all courses)	12 October -15 November 2020
Midterm exam week	27 September - 4 October 2020

Suggested websites

<https://www.academic-englishuk.com/writing>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/gothedistance/academicwriting>

<http://www.uefap.com/writing/writfram.htm>

<http://www.uefap.net/writing/writing-exercises>